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NIGHTMARES IN THE WAKING STATE

PART II



DIM ARE THE PATHWAYS

Music by Stefanovic

[Instrumental]

THE FAINT PULSE OF LIGHT

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam

Lyrics by Ålvestam

Caught in the wheel of fate
A leap in the dark
Lost to incompleteness
Living the part
Exit strategies
Smoke and mirrors
In its shadow nothing escapes
The piercing errors

(chorus)

Off-guard
Source unleashed
Closed circuit dreaming
Unbound
Fear the beast
Kept out of sight
Transformed
Mind besieged
Course alteration
Undone
Sense decreased
The faint pulse of light

Delicate world of glass
Under the skin
Once sprung from a standstill
Raging within
Shapeless to the eye
Cold emotion
What will never fall to the ground
Now set in motion

(repeat chorus)

Lead guitar: Stefanovic

Lead guitar: Gardberg

(repeat chorus)

MIND MUTATION

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam

Lyrics by Ålvestam

In the arms of recreation
In the presence of defeat
What is hanging in the balance
An alliance incomplete

(pre-chorus)

A nightmare serving many masters
The unreality that should not be,
now holding me against the power of endurance
Where time and tide wait for no man
The immortality that could not be,
now under lock and key

Once the wheel has come full circle
Transformation will take aim
Massing up on the horizon
To a new dawn laying claim
To break a journey
To stop the blood
To quench a fire
To stand the flood

(repeat pre-chorus)

(chorus)
Chain of thought
Never letting go
Will not clear away until it's gone
Set ablaze
Ever and again
Sun and shadow are at daggers drawn

Lead guitar:
Stefanovic/Gardberg/Stefanovic/Gardberg

(repeat pre-chorus)
(repeat chorus)

BUILT ON SAND

Music by Gardberg/Ålvestam
Lyrics by Ålvestam

Lead guitar: Gardberg

(verse)
Running away
Far from it all
Lying in wait
Yet riding for a fall

The line of fire denied
Exit through a sense of void inside
The entering phase complete

(chorus)
What lives another day
Silence - triggering
Tipping the scales
An easy prey,
now being thrown to the wolves
Here dies another day
Guidance - withering
Shadow prevails
From sources stray,
its life it pulls
No-man's-land
A monstrosity built on sand

Battled thought
Strength inhaled
Roles reversed
Change unveiled
Focus caught
Host exhaled
Weakness cursed

Lead guitar: Gardberg

(repeat verse)
(repeat chorus)

Lead guitar: Gardberg

In the end when the unpleasant truth
Comes crawling out of the woodwork
Cherished illusions and attempted escapes
Turn to gleams of light in the dirt

(repeat chorus)





INESCAPABLE DREAM

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam
Lyrics by Ålvestam

Sudden realness
Cast in shadow
Shifter in the sands
Broken silence
Torn agenda
Slipping through my hands

In wait
Slowly turning
The fear of fear itself
Attached yet disconnected
Here at the end of my rope

(chorus)
An inescapable dream
My guiding light
At the root of this two-faced night
An inescapable dream
My inner sight
In the dark where our worlds unite

Time now freeze-framed
Truth revalued
Future yesterdays
Cyclone chamber
Nightmare sequence
Falling out of grace

Against better judgment
I let the sea walls burst
Crawling minefields blinded
Forced to rush into extremes

(repeat chorus)

Lead guitar: Stefanovic
Lead unison: Gardberg

(repeat chorus)

THE CURSE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam
Lyrics by Ålvestam

On ghostlike fields
Under a strange sky
Cannot cross the void
No matter how hard I try

(pre-chorus)
And so this nothing becomes
my all (my fall?)
Through which I have to crawl

(chorus)
The curse that keeps on giving
A fire without a flame
The curse that keeps on living
A changing that stays the same

(repeat pre-chorus)
(repeat chorus)

Used skeleton key
There's no setting free
Told to be forever
standing the test of time



Will not let it ride
Yet turning aside
Innermost rain shadow reaching
the end of the line

Lead guitar: Gardberg/Stefanovic/Gardberg

(repeat chorus)



CHAIN CONNECTOR

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam

Lyrics by Johansson

You must trust the worst
that may wait
Is losing to this death
The ending you swore to evade
In such a defeat
By making distance
To this state called life
You will see how nothing means nothing

It came with paradox
Could not be dealt with nor transformed
Powers it held
All you allowed yourself to lose

So you try to see and explain
How the world is twisting and turning
You paint pictures in your head
To make sense out of the senseless

Chain connector

WHAT TURNS THE WHEELS

Music by Stefanovic/Ålvestam

Lyrics by Ålvestam

A darkness formed in broad daylight
Relief and scare in one
It fell exposed, yet unannounced
A storm cloud chasing the sun

(chorus)

Time and time again
The ground gives way
On the world now thrown
Blind to what is feared
The wretched seed
of the downfall sown

All exits fastened from within
A scarred design in chains
To yield obedience to what is veiled
A constant change of lanes

(repeat chorus)

Lead guitar: Stefanovic

(repeat chorus)

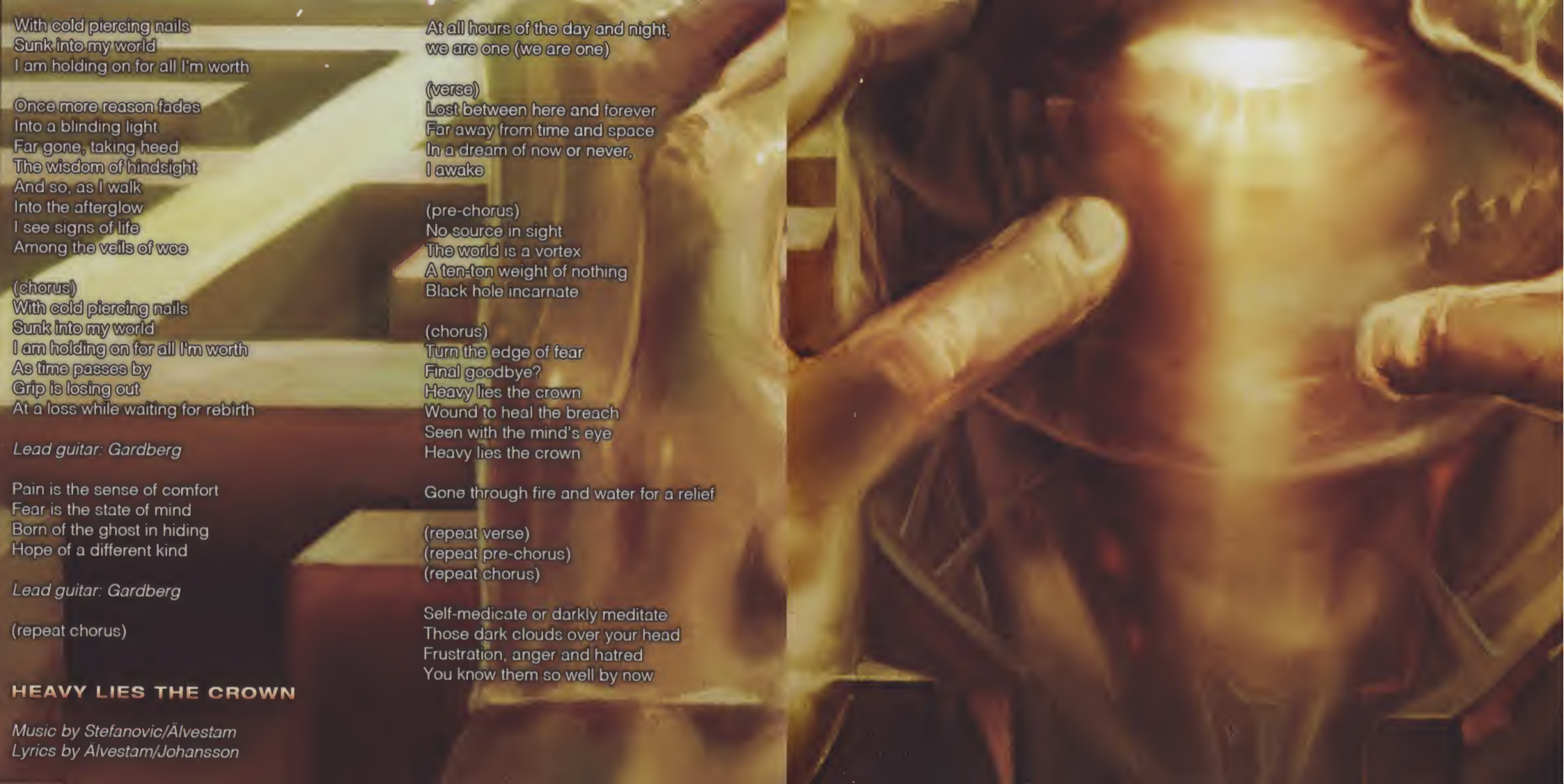
MISERY MANTRA

Music by Gardberg/Ålvestam

Lyrics by Ålvestam

Lead guitar: Gardberg

Brought back to the scene
Of answers letting go
A shift burning still
With questions down below
Through me, spiraling
The storm that never passed
In search of an end
A quest from first to last
In full blast



With cold piercing nails
Sunk into my world
I am holding on for all I'm worth

Once more reason fades
Into a blinding light
Far gone, taking heed
The wisdom of hindsight
And so, as I walk
Into the afterglow
I see signs of life
Among the veils of woe

(chorus)
With cold piercing nails
Sunk into my world
I am holding on for all I'm worth
As time passes by
Grip is losing out
At a loss while waiting for rebirth

Lead guitar: Gardberg

Pain is the sense of comfort
Fear is the state of mind
Born of the ghost in hiding
Hope of a different kind

Lead guitar: Gardberg

(repeat chorus)

HEAVY LIES THE CROWN

*Music by Stefanovic/Älvestam
Lyrics by Älvestam/Johansson*

At all hours of the day and night,
we are one (we are one)

(verse)
Lost between here and forever
Far away from time and space
In a dream of now or never,
I awake

(pre-chorus)
No source in sight
The world is a vortex
A ten-ton weight of nothing
Black hole incarnate

(chorus)
Turn the edge of fear
Final goodbye?
Heavy lies the crown
Wound to heal the breach
Seen with the mind's eye
Heavy lies the crown

Gone through fire and water for a relief

(repeat verse)
(repeat pre-chorus)
(repeat chorus)

Self-medicate or darkly meditate
Those dark clouds over your head
Frustration, anger and hatred
You know them so well by now